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Large-scale winter exercises were held recently by the British 91st Lorried Infantry Brigade, part of the 6th Armoured Division, in the Hertz Mountains, near the Russian Zone border. Heavy snow on the first day turned to slush and mud. Photo shows camouflaged lorries outside Headquarters. — Express Service.

They'll Have 60 Seconds In Which To Record Eclipse

Khartoum, Feb. 4.

Some of the world's most famous scientists and astronomers will be watching intently the sun's course across the Sudan on Monday, February 25.

For on that day, at Kilo 5 near Khartoum, the intense light of the solar disc will be obscured from the earth in an eclipse lasting three minutes.

Thousands of pounds sterling worth of the most delicate instruments in the world will be used to record this phenomenon as the sun leaves the Belgian Congo, crosses the Bah el Ghazal and continues in a direct line over Khartoum, Shendi, and Arabat, and on to Saudi Arabia, near Jidda.

The actual complete totality of the eclipse of solar light will last only one minute, when, like three great balls, the earth, the moon and the sun occupy the same relative positions in line.

Then, slowly, as the moon and the sun separate, light rays will again filter down to earth.

In the short space of time available to them, the scientists must make all the observations they need for the next eclipse in this particular 18-year cycle will not take place until 1970, when it will be total over Mexico, Georgia and Florida.

SUCCESS EXPECTED

But atmospheric conditions over Khartoum are expected to be good and scientists are looking forward to one of their most successful days ever for eclipse conditions.

There will be 14 scientific expeditions in Khartoum alone, and for many this will be the culminating point in years of preparation, including special equipment based on previous experience.

Probably the most lavishly equipped of all will be the American team from the United States Naval Research Unit and the United States Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Service in Washington.

Preparatory work has been going on in Khartoum for some months. The Sudan Government has given assistance to every team and supplied huge files of data on local conditions in the Sudan.

JUST 60 SECONDS

Every dark room in Khartoum, including the Royal Air Force operations rooms, has been placed at the disposal of the scientists.

The Survey Department has drawn up special maps showing the solar passage and supplied the observation points with water.

Concrete plinths have been placed in position at each observation station and for weeks before the eclipse the various scientific teams will practise at these sites, becoming machine-perfect in their movements.

BIG SLUMP IN AUSTRALIAN FOOD OUTPUT A SERIOUS DANGER Effect On Defence

Sydney, Feb. 4.

North America or some other area will have to feed any large Allied force sent to Australia under the Pacific pact awaiting ratification in Canberra and Washington, a United Press survey disclosed today.

Parliament reconvened in Canberra today mainly for the purpose of ratifying the Pacific pact and the Japanese treaty. The Labour opposition, headed by Dr Herbert Evatt, will bitterly oppose ratification of the peace treaty.

Post-war food production has slumped to a point generally realised here only in recent weeks where Australia could not possibly duplicate, without heroic measures, her brilliant reverse lend-lease record in 1942-43. The Government says that unless the trend is reversed Australia will become a food importer within five years or less.

In the last war Australia not only fed herself but provided 1,001,000 tons of foodstuffs for General MacArthur's forces worth \$200 million.

Diplomatic observers point out that Australia loses some of her leading points as the premier bastion of democracy in the South Pacific because of her food production slump.

An indication of the decline was given by the Commerce and Agriculture Minister, Mr John McEwen, who warned that because of the dwindling wheat acreage Australia may not be able to meet her commitments under the International Wheat Agreement. The acreage of this season's crop of 10,246,000 acres was the lowest of any peacetime year since 1925, he said.

Australia, one of the world's major producers of wheat, beef, wool and mutton, took the initiative in negotiating the Pacific Pact, also called the ANZAC Treaty, linking her and New Zealand with the United States in a military alliance against aggression in the Pacific.

PROUD RECORD
The American envoy, Mr John Foster Dulles, won the reluctant approval of the two British Pacific Dominions for his "soft" Japanese peace treaty by agreeing to their demands for ANZAC pact.

During his negotiations in Canberra and Wellington, Australia's sorry food production trend had not become alarming. Then the Australians proudly pointed to their record of provisioning of General MacArthur's forces.

During the war about 2,000,000 Americans were stationed in or passed through Australia and New Guinea. They found canned Australian beef, processed cheese and other foodstuffs in their rations right through the crucial battle of Leyte.

Australia's total reverse lend-lease contribution, including supplies and services was \$888,000,000 compared with the \$1,220,000,000 shipped from the United States. The latter figure excludes the cost of shipping and other services to Australia under lend-lease.

New Zealand's food production continues to be substantially unchanged and she is now the bulwark of Britain's supply. On the present figures New Zealand could be depended on to feed considerable treaty forces which might be stationed there.

CRITICS' CHARGE

Australians are now agonisingly asking how this has come about. Australian critics charge that it is due to the prolonged policy of baulking by the two post-war governments and by private interests coupled with sympathy by the country's top-heavy population in a few big cities.

After the war Australia has absorbed 600,000 European migrants but only a handful have been channelled onto the land. Most of them have settled in over-crowded cities where there has been an increase in the consumption of food.

The fantastic prices of wool used in world rearmament have persuaded many farmers to

abandon lamb and other meat production. Drought, lately accompanied by appalling bushfires, have also hurt. The long-term food contracts, under Government bulk purchasing, with Britain, begun under the previous regime and continued by the present regime, have destroyed much incentive because of controlled prices. Local price controls have also affected incentive.

But the major criticism is an allegedly over-intensively nationalistic Government policy in encouraging the manufacturing industries at the expense of food production. At present 28 per cent of the Australian labour force is in secondary or manufacturing industries compared with 22 per cent in the United States.

AWARE OF DANGER
There has been such an upsurge in post-war manufacturing that the country is now a minor world producer of cars. Australia could offset some of the deficit in food shipping space for any ANZAC expeditionary force by producing more material. However, on the whole, the deficiency means a new drain on North American supplies at higher costs.

While the picture today might be a new nightmare to the Pentagon's strategic planners, the Australians are, by their alarm, showing a determination to shift their policy to regain their eminence as a food exporter.

Today the farmer is coming into his own again, judging by the increasing attention being given to farm problems by the Press, civic leaders and politicians. — United Press.

Planes To Be Used In Moving House

London, Feb. 4.

Housewives will soon be able to move house by chartering planes to take the houses, complete with furniture and fittings, to any place in the world.

Pre-fabricated houses have been flown from Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire, to Middle East oil companies, and furniture has become a common cargo in freight aircraft.

Valuable furniture is frequently sent by air from Britain to the Continent and small pieces to the U.S.A.

In the U.S.A. a complete office has been moved by air from Ohio to New England during a week-end.

Furniture, files, ledgers and typewriters were loaded on Saturday and in a position at the new office ready for work on Monday morning. — London Express Service.

AIRLIFT OF REFUGEES

Berlin, Feb. 4.

A total of 2,400 political refugees from the Communist East will be flown from West Berlin to Western Germany each month under a new law effective today.

The new limit — an increase of almost 400 per cent over the previous monthly quota of 500 — is intended to relieve the tremendous financial burden of caring for most of the refugees. There are over 100,000 German refugees in the city. City officials say that about 5,000 of them arrive every month. — Reuters.

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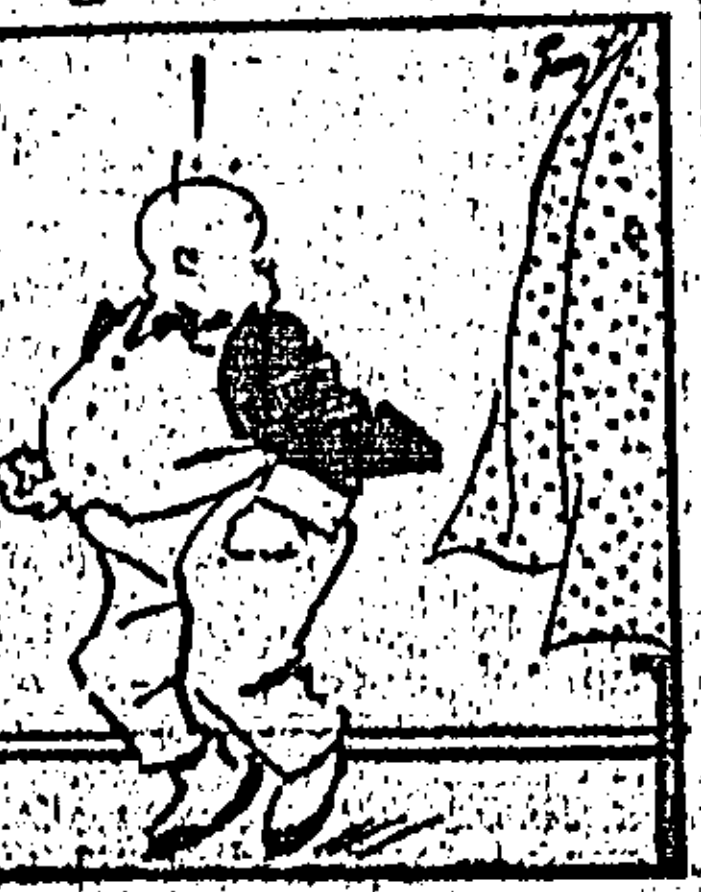
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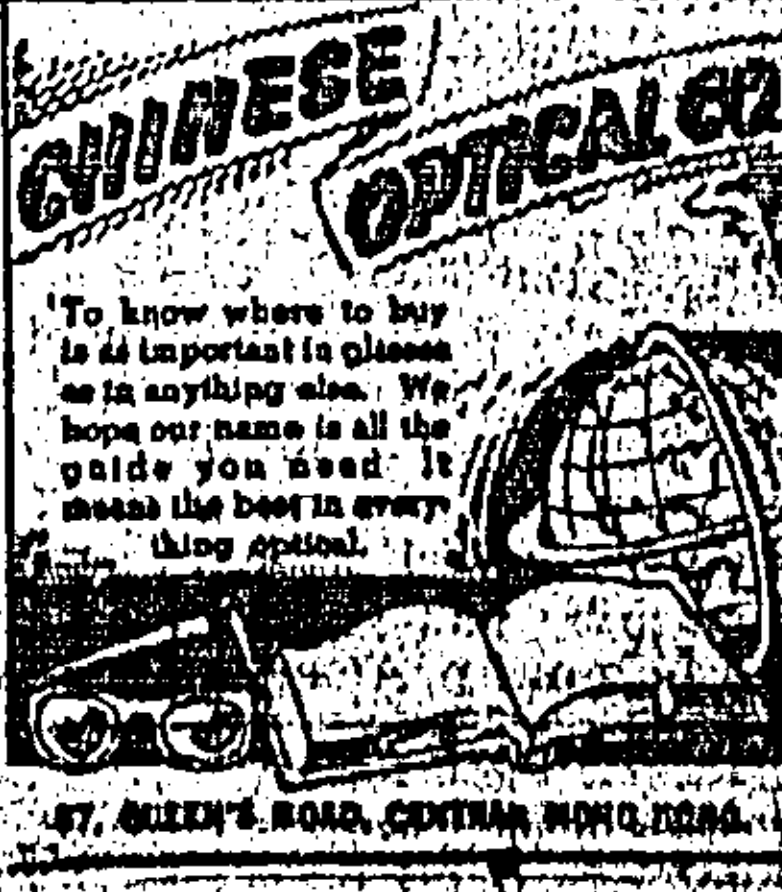
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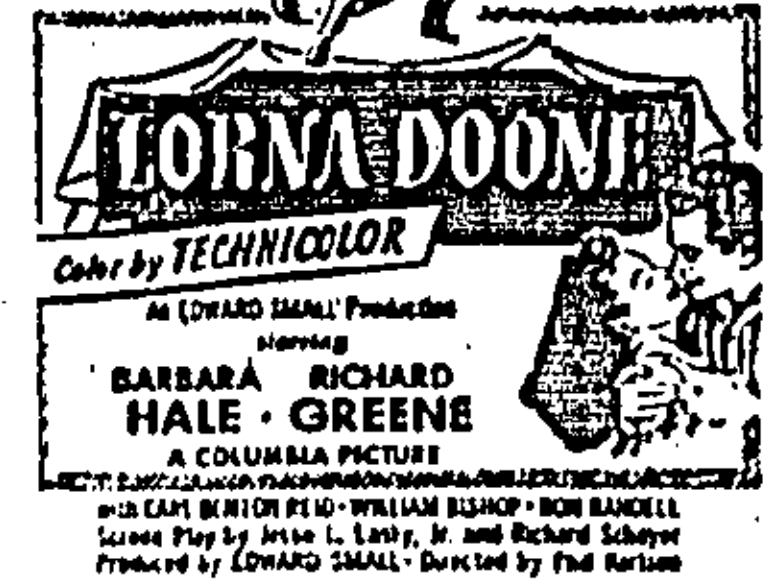




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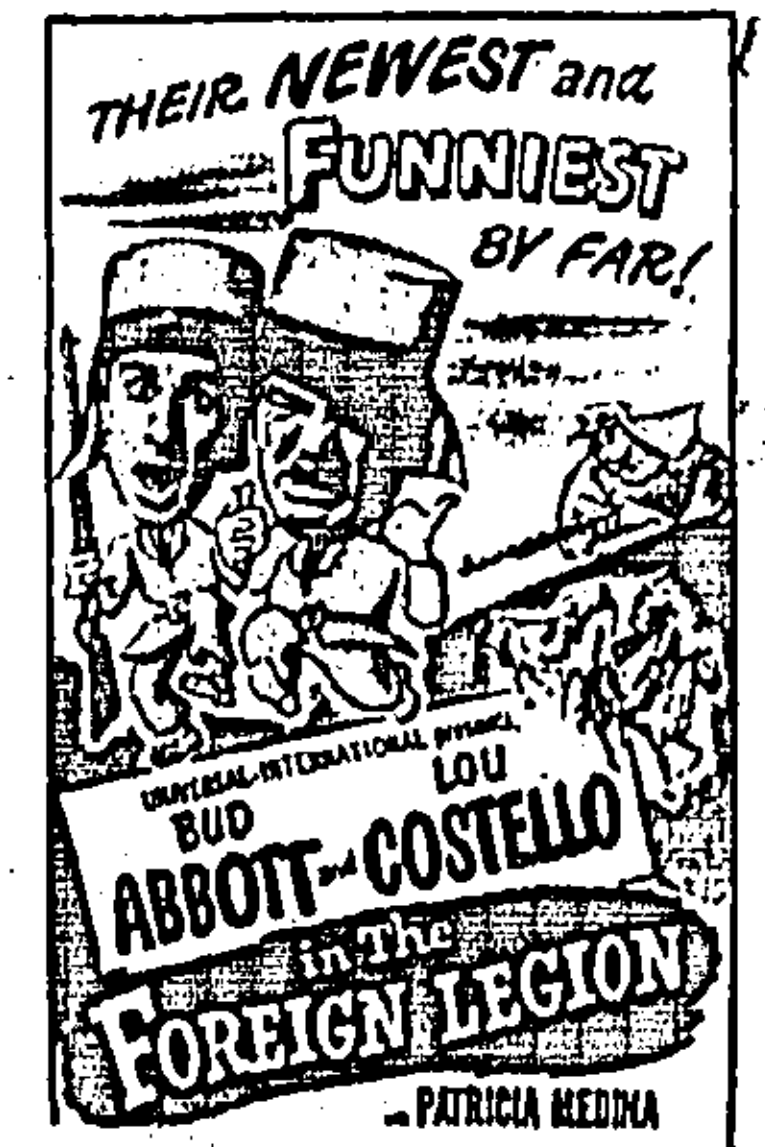


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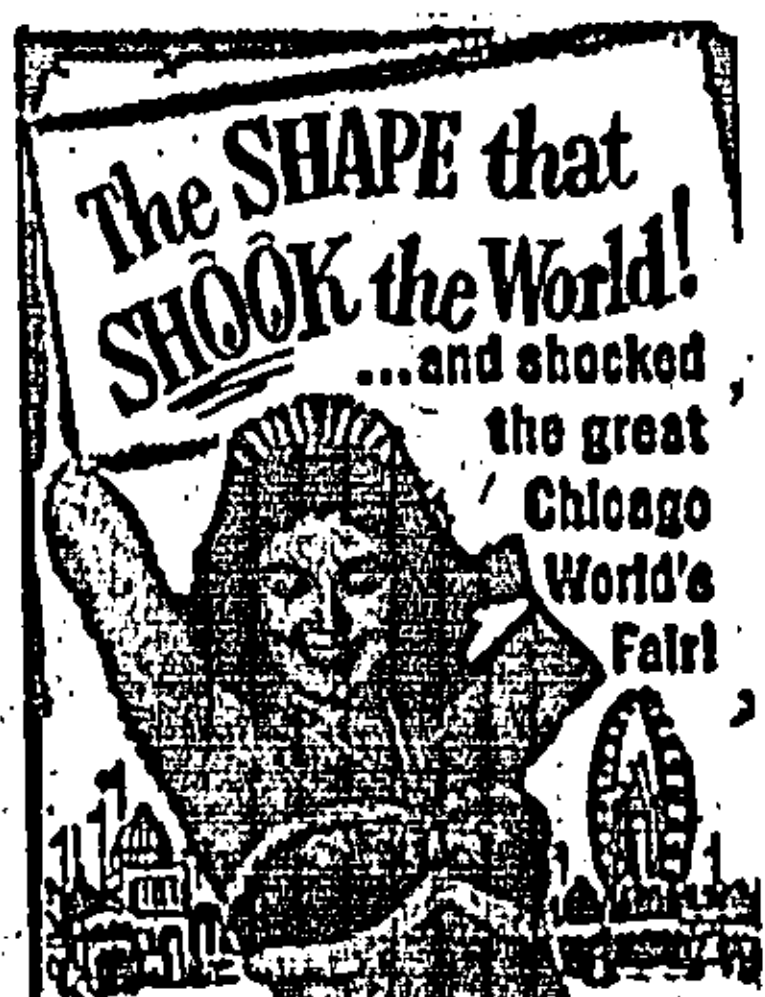


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GERMAN MINISTERS QUIZZED

Testify On Role In Atlantic Defence

Paris, Feb. 4. Three West German Cabinet Ministers underwent severe cross-questioning today on what their country can spend for Atlantic defence.

The questions were fired at them by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's "three wise men", who are charged with reconciling economic possibilities with military needs. They are William H. Drapeau, US Aid Coordinator, France's chief planner, and Sir Edwin Plowden, who has much the same job in Britain.

It was the first time that German officials had appeared before NATO officials. For the occasion, the Germans lined up their biggest economic guns—Vice-Chancellor Franz Blücher, Finance Minister Fritz Schäfer and Economic Affairs Minister Ludwig Erhard. But NATO wanted it made clear that the "wise men" are acting in this case only as independent economic experts, since Germany is not a member of NATO. The Germans are eager to be admitted, and many Europeans fear that they will use today's appearance as an entering wedge.

The "wise men" are doing for the Germans about the same thing as they did for the 12 NATO members. They are going over the total figures of the country's national income and determining what proportion it would be fair to spend on an army, which in Germany's case has not yet been organised.

GERMAN OFFER
The British, French and US High Commissioners in Germany believe the Germans can afford about 13,000,000,000 Marks in 1952. The Germans are said to have offered a maximum of 10.5 billion marks. Either figure would be financed to a considerable extent by US aid.

The "wise men's" opinion will be sent to the Allied High Commissioners in Germany, who are still arguing with the Bonn Government about what kind of "contractual relationship" it should have. This substitute for a peace treaty will settle the basic point of whether Germany must continue paying occupation costs.

The treaty on a unified West European Army—also still incomplete—will determine how much Bonn must pay for its common budget. Only when these two agreements have begun to work will it be known how Germany's defence spending will be broken down—Associated Press.

Elephant Does Own "Shopping"

London, Feb. 4. Early visitors at London Zoo often meet an elephant gingerly carrying in her trunk a pall piled high with mangolds, potatoes and carrots.

She is Rusty, a recent arrival from Ceylon, and the pall is her "food basket".

Rusty learned her new trick recently while exercising with her keeper, Mr. "Buck" Jones. Near the storekeeper holding up Rusty's food pall, he ordered the elephant to "fetch it".

Rusty obeyed—and insisted on carrying the pall all the way back to her house on the other side of the Zoo.

Now, she "shops" for herself every day. At first the temptation to set the pall down on the way and sample the contents was almost too strong.

"Now she manages to resist until we get home," Mr. Jones said. "Of course, I always reward her with a titbit!"—London Express Service.

Red Charges Disproved

Geneva, Feb. 4. A special committee of the International Labour Organisation has cleared the French, Italian and Egyptian Governments of Communist-inspired charges alleging suppression of trade union rights.

The Communist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions had submitted formal complaints to the ILO. In its report, published today, the committee said the charges were unworthy of further investigation.

But the committee recommended ILO investigation of alleged suppression of trade union rights in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. Such investigations could be carried out only with the approval of the two governments concerned—Associated Press.

KING TALAL ON VISIT TO ROME



King Talal of Transjordan, who succeeded to the throne when his father, King Abdullah, was assassinated, is greeted by the Italian Prime Minister, Signor de Gasperi, when he arrived in Rome on an unofficial visit. — Express Service.

Russian Plunder Campaign In Eastern Europe

Stockholm, Feb. 4. "Give us four instead of slogans," is likely to be the cry from Russia's East European satellites this year. Reports from a number of usually well-informed sources, reinforced by the satellite countries' own Press and radio, show that Russia has started a great plundering campaign in Communist Europe.

Food is her most coveted import from these countries. Some of them ate well in the hardest first post-war years. Today housewives are queuing up outside emptying shops.

Poland is a case in point. The Warsaw Press admits the shortage of meat, fish and even potatoes.

There was little traditional carp and steak for the festive meals this year. The authorities, blaming "kulak" (rich peasant) farmers who prefer to sell their produce to the black market instead of to the State, and saboteurs who disrupt the distribution trades, promised to supply hares instead.

Occasionally they blame the weather. M. Hilary Minc, the Deputy Premier, said that last September's drought was the reason for the present potato shortage, for example.

But many of the scores of refugees reaching here during the past six months say that Poland's produce is rolling east to Russia in long goods trains.

Polish bacon factories working for the export trade, these refugees add, are going over to timed meat production for Russia.

PEOPLE MUZZLED
To stop Poles talking about these things, the authorities are inflicting severe sentences on people "spreading discontent and anti-Polish propaganda."

The sentences are published in the Press as a warning to others.

In Czechoslovakia, the food shortage is less marked. But the Government is already preparing its excuses for a deterioration. M. G. Mankó, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for example, has been criticising the State tractor stations for inefficiency, which in turn results in decreased food production.

In Hungary, the Communist newspaper "Szabad Nep" has announced that the current agricultural plan has not been fulfilled. "Without meat, grain, milk and eggs, the industrial workers cannot produce," the newspaper added.

Actually bread, flour and sugar and soap rationing have already ended and meat and fat rationing is to cease at the end of February. These measures are, however, a sign of shortage rather than of plenty. The full rations were not always available and the prices of unrationed foods are to go up by 70 to 100 per cent.

WEAK POINT
As wages rise by only 15 to 20 per cent, Hungarians are to be rationed by price instead of by coupons.

In Rumania, the Communist newspaper "Scuturita" reported that the "technical equipment" of the "technical equipment"

goods and the creation of food stocks are still a weak point in the national economy.

Informed sources here believe that many farmers in East Europe are holding back some of their output, but not enough to justify the shortages in the shops.

The evidence that a considerable part of the satellites' food is going to Russia is strong, because it is confirmed by varying but unanimous sources, including the testimony of refugees from the border towns who have given specific details of train loads rolling East.

The Russian Press gives indications that the Kremlin intends to use the food for its new "peace through trade" drive in 1952.

Working through the different Communist peace organisations in the Western world, Russia's leaders have called an economic conference in Moscow for next April. "All men and women of goodwill" are invited.

UN Assembly Winding Up Fruitless Session In Paris

Paris, Feb. 4. The sixth General Assembly of the United Nations, now winding up in Paris, has been the most disappointing session on record.

The session was frustrated mainly by one thing—the failure of the Panmunjom negotiators to arrange an armistice in Korea. There were confident hopes when the Assembly opened that a Korean armistice would be signed midway in the session.

Observers were agreed that an end to the Korean war was a "must" if East and West were to find any sizable area of agreement on the problems of the cold war.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, came back from the Christmas recess to demand that the United Nations intervene in the Panmunjom talks.

The Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, declared last Saturday that a third world war had, in fact, begun.

As a result of these disagreements the Assembly has been mainly a propaganda battleground where rival gains and losses have been of such an enlarged variety that they defy precise measurement.

Here is the Assembly's "tally sheet" in terms of Russian and Western or American gains.

ATOMIC CONTROL
1.—Disarmament: The West took the initiative on disarmament and entered the Assembly with a new design for arms reduction and atomic control.

The proposal led to secret Big Four disarmament talks and a new Disarmament Commission which held its first session today.

2.—Protective Security: The Western Powers mustered overwhelming support for the second phase of the United States Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson's plan to bolster anti-aggression machinery in the United Nations which cannot be blocked by the veto.

3.—The Oath Case: Dr. C. Tobias, 70-year-old Negro Methodist Minister, branded the espionage conviction of the American newsman as one of the most flagrant violations of the freedom of information of all time. His speech was incisive and impressive. M. Alexi Pavlov (Russia) undercut his own cause by charging the American Negro with "Chicago stockyard" behaviour. It was not a smart move in view of Russia's traditional role as "champion" of the Negroes' cause in America.

4.—Mr. Vyshinsky's faux pas
The Soviet Foreign Minister shocked delegates early in the session by stating that Mr. Acheson's disarmament plan was so funny that he stayed awake all night laughing at it. This cynical remark gained Russia no new friends. Later Mr. Vyshinsky said he hoped that four American fliers then held by Hungary would be tried by "our" authorities. Western delegates seized the opportunity to point out that M. Vyshinsky had as much as admitted that Hungary was not a sovereign State but an outright Soviet puppet.

ARAB REVOLT
Russian gains:
1.—The \$100 million American appropriation for helping anti-Communists. The Russians attacked the United States by charging that the appropriation part of the Mutual Security Act was actually an act of "aggression" against the Soviet Union. The United States denied the charge.

BANGKOK RESOLUTION PASSED
Bangkok, Feb. 4. Thirteen Asian and interested non-Asian nations agreed today to seek United Nations financial support for training experts to develop Far Eastern water resources.

Russia was alone in abstaining from voting on the resolution, introduced at the 14-nation UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE).

The resolution proposed asking for UN aid to build an Asian training centre either this year or early next year.

This site of the proposed centre was not definitely named in the resolution, but several nations are believed to be anxious to have it located at Bangkok.

Besides training water power experts, the proposed centre also would school navigation experts for the development of inland waterways.

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NEW JETS SUPERIOR TO MIG'S

Claim By America

Washington, Feb. 4. The Defence Secretary, Mr. Robert Lovett, testified today before the Senate Sub-Committee about new United States planes which, he said, performed in tests better than the Russian MIG-15's.

These superior planes, he said, were now on production lines and were several months from combat service.

But he would not specify the time when they might be used in Korea.

Chairman Joseph C. Mahoney reminded Mr. Lovett that Jean Montigny, representative of Tass, the Russian news agency, was in the room.

Mr. Lovett said he realized that and promised that there would be no breach of security.

Meanwhile, the Secretary for Air, Thomas Finletter, told the Press that his Department considered it indispensable to build United States Air Force strength to 100 combat groups.

RAPID PROGRESS
Mr. Finletter, who was giving an outline of the statement he intended to make before a Congressional group studying the United States Defence Budget, said that 17 transport groups would be required in addition.

He pointed out that this figure took into consideration all the factors involved—not just the military factors and arrived at a balance which appeared the best for the long-term security of the nation.

Mr. Finletter said that one of the present production difficulties were due to the constant need of re-tooling because of the ultra-rapid progress in the mode of propulsion.

The jet engine, he said, "is developing by leaps and bounds and may be followed by nuclear propulsion." United Press and France-Press.

Onslaught On Yoshida Economies

Tokyo, Feb. 4. Every opposition party in Japan joined with the Communists today in attacking the Government budget—slashing pensions for widows, orphans and wounded veterans of World War II.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's Liberal party voted down the measure.

Much of the anger appeared to be aimed at the Allied occupation.

When Japan surrendered in 1945, all military pensions were cut off.

Recently, occupation authorities were accused of forcing the Government to slash its first proposed war pension budget.

A House Budget Committee hearing today gave the Communists a chance to lash Yoshida's Government as cold-hearted and unpatriotic.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Vegetable (6)
2 Slows away (5)
3 Tale (8)
4 Hereditary social class (6)
5 Idle talk (6)
6 Put in bondage (7)
7 Freedom from work (7)
8 Sufferer for a faith (6)
9 Headquarters of a regiment (8)
10 Rude (6)
11 Out of practice (6)
12 General view (6)

DOWN
1 Nasal tone (5)
2 Notches (6)
3 Do well (7)
4 Summary (6)
5 Loyal (6)
6 Globe (6)
7 Footwear (8)
8 Attributive justice (7)
9 Account book (6)
10 Shattered (6)
11 Annoyed (6)
12 Amover (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Ape, 4. Tan-sack, 8. Item, 9. Slim, 10. Mumbled, 11. Maul, 12. Dive, 13. Secrets, 17. Tedium, 18. Slugs, 19. Shudder, 20. Arise, 21. Clay, 22. Dilated, 23. Epile, 24. Bent, 25. Shutter, 26. Stew, 27. Dawn, 28. Follies, 29. Slings, 30. Bent, 31. Shutter, 32. Stew, 33. Dawn, 34. Follies, 35. Slings, 36. Bent, 37. Shutter, 38. Stew, 39. Dawn, 40. Follies, 41. Slings, 42. Bent, 43. Shutter, 44. Stew, 45. Dawn, 46. Follies, 47. Slings, 48. Bent, 49. Shutter, 50. Stew, 51. Dawn, 52. Follies, 53. Slings, 54. Bent, 55. Shutter, 56. Stew, 57. Dawn, 58. Follies, 59. Slings, 60. Bent, 61. Shutter, 62. Stew, 63. Dawn, 64. Follies, 65. Slings, 66. Bent, 67. Shutter, 68. Stew, 69. Dawn, 70. Follies, 71. Slings, 72. Bent, 73. Shutter, 74. Stew, 75. Dawn, 76. Follies, 77. Slings, 78. Bent, 79. Shutter, 80. Stew, 81. Dawn, 82. Follies, 83. Slings, 84. Bent, 85. Shutter, 86. Stew, 87. Dawn, 88. Follies, 89. Slings, 90. Bent, 91. Shutter, 92. Stew, 93. Dawn, 94. Follies, 95. Slings, 96. Bent, 97. Shutter, 98. Stew, 99. Dawn, 100. Follies.

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FIFTH SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED

LESS BUTTER, MORE GUNS IN 1952

By O. H. Brandon

WASHINGTON. AMERICANS began 1952 with a cautious sigh of relief. The black pessimism, the unsettling fear and the resulting insecurity of 1951 are subsiding, and there is a growing hope that a Third World War can be avoided. Though doubtful in the trying days of the Korean war, the Russian experts here feel more reassured now that the Kremlin still operates on the theory that its survival depends on the avoidance of war.

In a year when the cold war between the Democratic and Republican parties here may be almost as unsettling to the international situation as the state of tension between East and West, such conclusion is of some comfort.

In an election year the United States is most vulnerable, and if Stalin wanted to go to war this would be the time to do it.

It is also important that at the start of this year Mr. Churchill came here to seek full information on American plans and policies, and to make the impact of his own great personality felt.

The Republicans are desperately anxious to win. They have been out of office for 20 years and their prospects now seem favourable. Should, however, Gen. Eisenhower become a presidential nominee the great fight will be virtually over with the party Conventions in July.

A fight between Taft and Truman, which is not excluded, would really be fierce in the extreme.

For months the Administration has been under attack from the Republicans. First it was Communist infiltration in government. Now—the discovery of petty but widespread corruption in the Government has provided effective ammunition to undermine the Democratic Party's reputation in the country.

Congress in an election year likes to adjourn early, some time in June. This August body, so seldom given to speed, will therefore have only five months in which to legislate. It will not be easy. The Budget and foreign aid will be the most contested issues. The question will be simply how much Congress will succeed in slashing both.

Then in July the Party Conventions take place. Each party has its own Convention at which it nominates its respective presidential candidate. And then the two nominees begin to fight it out in their cross-country election campaigns.

There is no concern about the economic outlook in 1952. Defence mobilisers look forward to a real flow of military materials and businessmen expect another prosperous year. Though there will be some what less butter and more guns, the United States will remain a land of plenty.

The year may go down in American history as the year when the balance of power in the world shifted decisively in favour of the West, or the year when the Republican Party, after 20 years in opposition, returned to power. Or it may simply be remembered as the year when the penny postcard—the cheapest thing you can buy here—passed into oblivion.

SHORTEST CUT to the CABINET

By MILTON SHULMAN

LONDON. THE orator and the barrister used to be the aristocrats of the articulate. The prerogative of rule was practically their monopoly.

But their glory dimmed with the decline of the spoken word. The expert of the written word now seems to be on the ascent. The trend is worth noting. Oratory went out with the microphone. The Lloyd Georges gave way to the Baldwins and the Chamberlains. The rounded phrase, not the rounded syllable, was the secret of Churchill's eloquence.

Similarly, the barrister, trained to sway opinions through the logic of speech, is in danger of being eclipsed by those trained to gesticulate in print.

The only road to the highest stations in this country is that of the law. It is a maxim that has stood since it was written 200 years ago. True, there are still 101 barristers and solicitors in the present House of Commons, but they are far from being in exclusive possession of the "only road" to Parliament.

Jostling the lawyers for occupation of the 625 available Parliamentary seats are those who describe themselves as authors, publishers, journalists, or just writers. They must have a sizable force of 63 MPs.

WAY TO THE TOP

IS Fleet Street or the Inner Temple the quickest way to the Front Bench? That would seem to depend upon the party to which you belong.

As the political pendulum swings leftwards, the influence of the Fourth Estate grows. The Tories being a traditional party turn naturally to traditional sources for their Cabinet-making. Their front ranks are well-stocked with lawyers.

They seem to have no place for journalists, but the very top. It was Disraeli, who said in 1853: "As for the Press, I

am myself a 'gentleman of the Press, and I have no other excuse.' Now another Tory journalist tends a hierarchy of lawyers.

Aside from Winston Churchill, the Conservatives have done little with their literary talent. The sole, and somewhat tenuous, link with professional writing in the Cabinet is publisher Harold MACMILLAN, who has been given houses to build. And deep among the Parliamentary Secretaries can be discerned sports writer Brigadier J. G. SMYTH, in the Pensions Ministry.

The Tories prefer to keep their journalists—Beverly Hills, Montgomery Hyde, William DEEDS—to add some variety to the thick rows of lawyers, business men and farmers in their back benches.

The Bar is best represented in the Liberal Party. No fewer than five of the six Liberal MPs have had legal training. And look where the Liberals are. Might they not now be labelled the Wigs?

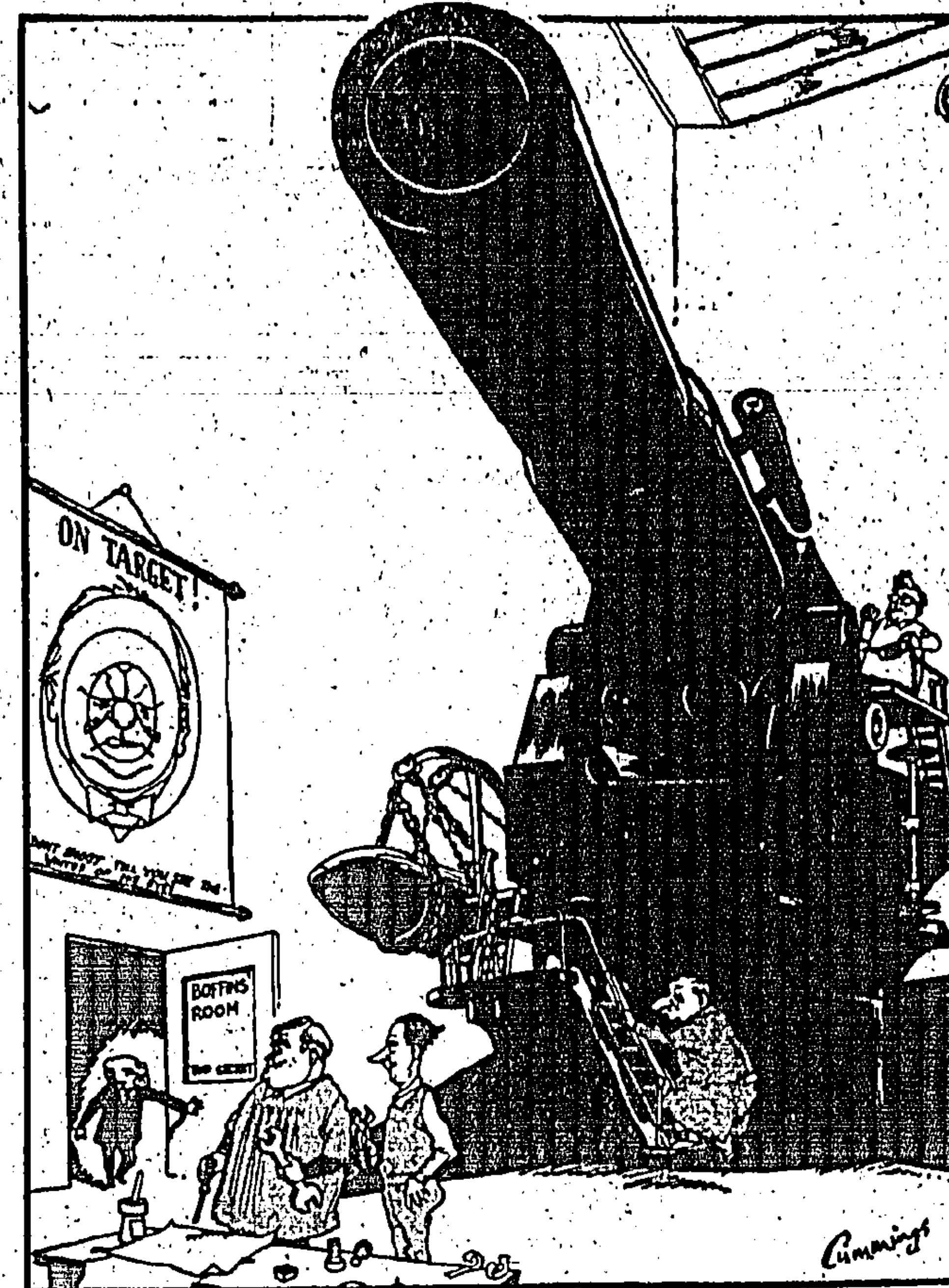
BEVAN'S TEAM

IT is the Socialists, however, who have done most to recognise the law-making potential of the journalists. Mr. Alick Gordon Brown, jobs for Hector M. O'NEILL, John STRACHEY, Maurice WEBB, Woodrow WYATT and Aidan CRAWLEY.

And if we move a little further to the Left, the prospects lie in store for the graduates of Fleet Street. The Bevanites are bristling with poised pens.

With Aneurin BEVAN as Prime Minister, there would be no shortage of journalistic talent for his Cabinet. There would be Michael FOOT, T. H. DO, Barbara CASTLE and J. P. W. MALLALIEU to choose from.

And there would always be at least one job available for a lawyer. Somebody would have to be Lord Chancellor.



"... Oh, just a little thing we ran up for sniping at Mr. Churchill." London Express Service

From a little town high up in the volcanic peaks of South-West Mexico comes new hope for half the population of the world—the people who cannot read or write.

PATZCUARO

YOU'VE probably never heard of the town of Patzcuaro. But some day the lives of millions of people throughout the world are going to be changed by what is going on there today.

For Patzcuaro, quiet little Mexican town nestled in a ring of volcanic peaks, is the starting point of a peaceful revolution which will ultimately affect no fewer than 1,200,000,000 people—half the population of the world.

It is the half which cannot read. It is the half which is desperately poor.

Life for them is a vicious circle. Poverty keeps them ignorant. Ignorance keeps them poor. They cannot escape.

And their ignorance is truly a matter of life and death.

In the countries of Asia and Africa, where illiteracy is most prevalent, a child at birth can expect to live only 30 years, whereas in educated Europe a child can expect to live 55 years or more.

At last a breach is being made in this "Iron Curtain" of ignorance, which divides the world.

What has hitherto been only a national problem is now being tackled on international lines. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization—UNESCO for short—is taking a hand.

It is undertaking the training of the thousands of experts which countries will need to win the battle to bring simple education within the reach of all.

A book just published tells of how the task is being tackled. Six continental training centres are to cover the six main illiterate regions, in Latin America, Central Africa, the Middle East, India and two in the Far East.

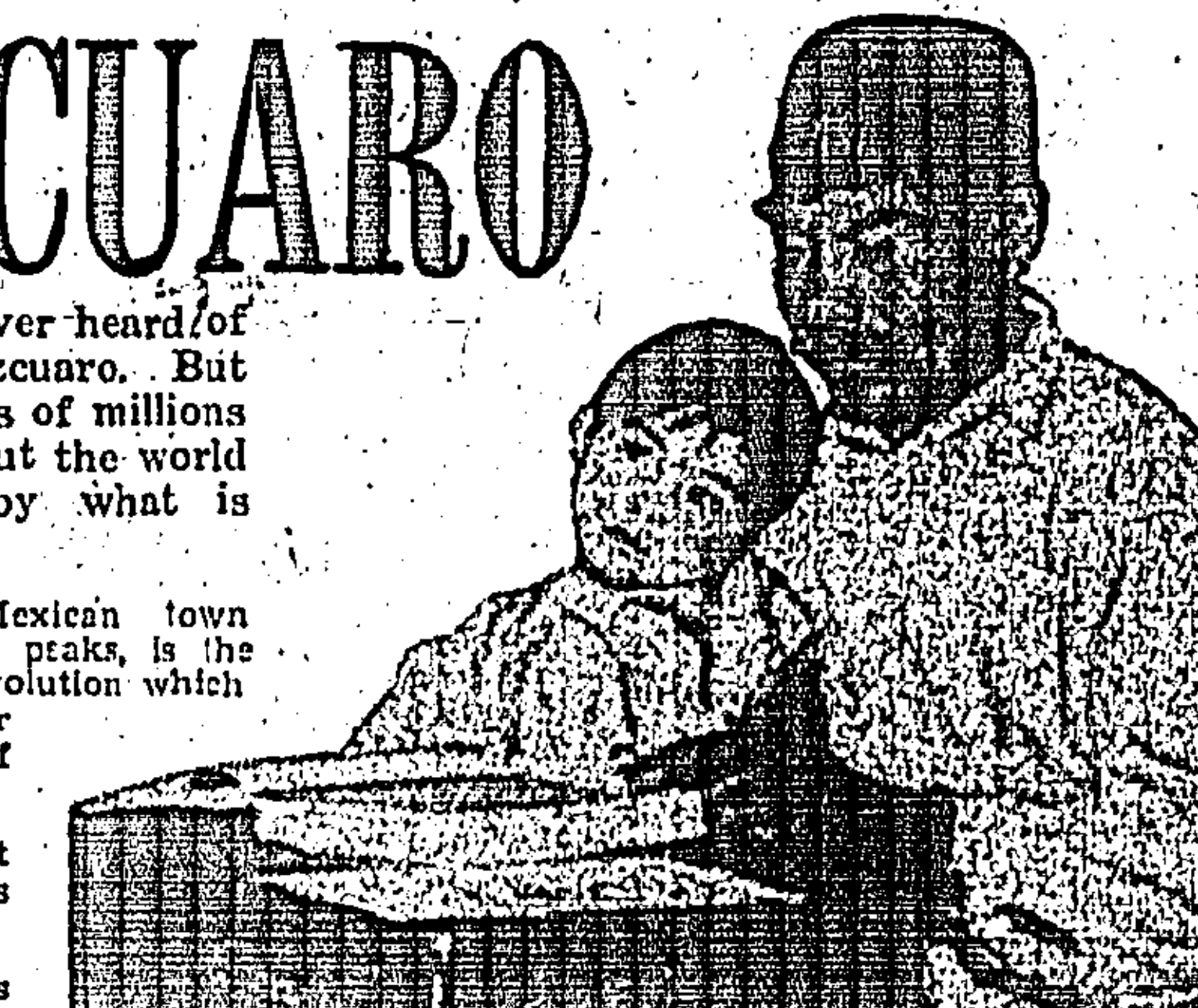
They are to train 5,000 graduates in "Fundamental Education."

The guinea-pigs

THE graduates will disperse to centres in their own countries. There they will train the teachers. And the teachers will then go out to the villages and bring education to every man, woman and child who wants to learn.

Pat's visit has been going on at Patzcuaro since May 9 last year. On that day it became the regional educational centre for Latin America.

The 62 student teachers, from UNESCO and the thousands of



No one is too old to learn to read.

is the name

illiterate Tarascan Indians in 20 surrounding villages became the guinea-pigs for 70,000,000 illiterate Latin-Americans.

First lesson was that learned by the teachers. It was to expect help from no one but themselves. They began by washing windows and varnishing tables in their future classrooms.

There were no standard text-books. How could there be? The teachers had to start from rock bottom.

And that meant that before they could teach they had first to find out how they could help their pupils. They went out in teams to the villages to make house-to-house surveys of all phases of their life.

Then they returned to the centre to work out education programmes for the villages they had studied based on the life they had found there.

Man behind the Patzcuaro project is stocky, powerfully built Lucas Ortiz, a 47-year-old Mexican educational expert.

His four-point plan works this way.

First teach the people to protect their health. Then get them to make the best use of the natural resources surrounding them.

Make them appreciate a dignified home life and give them the opportunity to enjoy leisure time.

"It is no use teaching a man to read and write," says Mr. Ortiz, "unless you can convince him it will help solve the problems of his daily life. We teach literacy when we teach health or

home economics or agriculture, but never as a separate, isolated subject."

And he tells of a mission he led into an Indian village where he had to begin by tackling essentials first.

"After four months of this," Mr. Ortiz went on, "the people themselves asked us to teach them to read and write."

Mud and straw

EVEN dolls' houses, are used. At a rural school at Huacoria, on the shore of Lake Patzcuaro, less than two miles from the centre, children, under their teacher, constructed two miniature houses—one bad and one good.

The bad house was a wind-drawn, mud and straw affair inhabited by a mean-looking doll and her family. Toy farm animals slept on the floor with the family.

The good house, however, was a gleaming white home where a beautiful doll lived. She slept on a bed, she kept her animals in a corral, and her house was spotless.

And so it goes on... Pathetically slowly, maybe, but a project which will gather momentum with the years, and ultimately change the life of millions.

So it was Goebbels who fixed that row

by Group Captain HUGH DUNDAS

WINNER of the much publicised clash between Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery (of Britain) and General Omar Bradley (of USA) has been named. THE NAME: Dr Goebbels, late propagandist chief of the Third German Reich.

Bradley's dislike of Montgomery smouldered through months of uneasy association in the Allied invasion command. With one subtle broadcast the truth—twisting little German doctor lit the spark which turned dislike to blazing hatred.

This is how it happened.

When von Rundstedt delivered his December 1944 punch in the Ardennes, turning the Allied advance to retreat, General Bradley's 31 divisions were caught off balance. For a time it seemed that the Germans would break through to the Meuse.

'My orders'

ON December 20—four days after the attack went in—Eisenhower telephoned Bradley to say that Montgomery would take command of all forces, British and U.S., north of the break-through.

Bradley protested, but Eisenhower ended the conversation with a crisp, "Well, Brad, those are my orders."

By the first week in January American and British troops had won the battle and crushed the last offensive of Hitler's army. But Bradley had no comradely feelings for the man—who had turned the tide.

He felt that he and his soldiers had been slighted.

On January 7 Montgomery held a Press conference. He gave the Americans their fair share of praise, saying that the offensive had been stopped before British troops intervened. But he also spoke of the situation as "one of the most interesting and tricky I have ever handled." He said that his first task had been to "tidy up the battlefield."

General Bradley, in his book "A Soldier's Story," has described how those last arrogant-sounding phrases came as "gasoline on the fire." He wrote that his staff "exploded."

The general told Eisenhower that he would never again serve under Montgomery.

Taunts

THESE feelings burned strongly through the years. Bradley's book, which was published last spring, is threaded through with taunts at the Briton.

And from his account of affairs it is clear that the arrogant-sounding Press statement hardened his hatred.

Now a sharp new light is thrown on the scene. Chester Wilmut's book, "The Struggle For Europe," just published, reveals the part Goebbels played in this flare-up.

Wilmut was at Montgomery's Press conference and he broadcast on it to the BBC.

He now reveals that his despatch was picked up by the Germans, rewritten with an anti-American bias, and put out by Arnhem radio, then in Goebbels's hands.

It was this rebroadcast which Bradley's H. Q. mistook for the BBC. It was this rebroadcast which "poured gasoline on the fire" and sparked off the explosion.

The words which made Bradley blow his top were not Montgomery's words at all—almost, but not quite.

They had been doctored by Goebbels.



WOMANSENSE

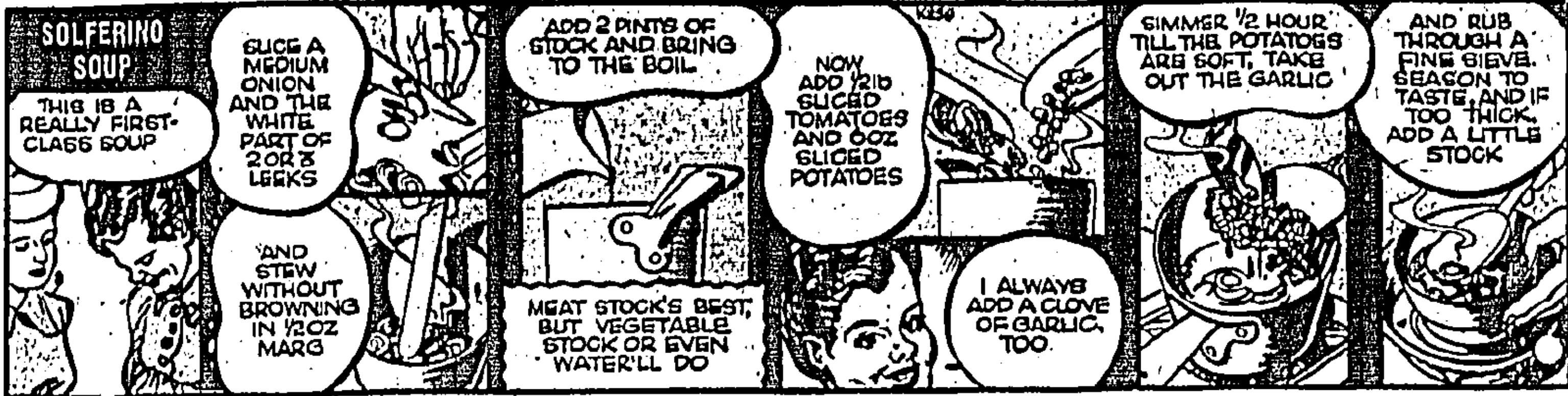
Wool Dress



Gray with white trim.

By VERA WINSTON

MEDIUM gray sheer wool makes a daytime dress that should see much service this season, since it is most attractive and so wearable. White silk bengaline piping is used to define the yoke and for the hip-line that is backram-lined. The white collar and the self-collar is detachable. Braided long sleeves and small slit pockets at hips are other details.



New Guises For Vegetables

By ALICE DENHOFF

When vegetables get special attention, there's an air of novelty about them that captures even the most capricious appetite. Brailed Carrot Slices, for instance, is one such dish.

To serve 6, cut each of 4 large carrots lengthwise in 4 thick slices. Cook in small amount of salted water until almost tender. Drain and dip slices in one egg that has been beaten with 1/2 cup water. Roll carrots in one c. fine cracker crumbs mixed with pepper to taste.

Arrange in shallow baking dish and brush with 3 tbsp. melted fat. Broil under low flame or until golden brown.

For a substantial luncheon or supper dish or a main course side-dish, try this one, the recipe for 6:

Slice thin 6 tomatoes. Sprinkle 2 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt and pepper to taste on tomato slices. Mix 3-oz. package cream cheese with 2 tsp. chopped chives or scallions, and spread mixture on half of the tomato slices, then top with remaining slices.

Dip in 2 beaten eggs, then in 1/2 c. fine cracker crumbs and saute in 3 tbsp. fat until brown.

Spanish Tomato is another nice luncheon or supper dish extender.

To serve 6, brown 1/4 c. each chopped green pepper and chopped celery, and 2 tsp. grated onion in 2 tsp. fat. Cut stem end from 6 large, firm tomatoes, and scoop out pulp. Mix pulp with one c. cooked rice, 1/2 c. grated cheese, tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper. Heat rice mixture; stuff tomatoes with it.

Mix 1/2 c. fine cracker crumbs with 1/2 c. butter. Sprinkle tomatoes with buttered crumbs, bake at 375 F. for 25 min.

For a Tomato Casserole for 6, strain 2 c. fresh or canned tomatoes; heat slowly. Break 2 c. bread in small pieces; add 1/2 tsp. prepared mustard, tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/2 c. milk. Place in greased baking dish and add the sealed tomatoes. Dot generously with butter and bake in moderate oven for 20 min.

Housewives' Beauty Schedule



Avoid fatigue as you do your housework. Wear sensible leather-soled shoes. Plan a schedule that permits an afternoon nap.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ONE of the numerous problems of the housewife is to find ways of avoiding fatigue. That daily routine is apt to get one down. Same old chores, day after day. Not so bad if one has the job organized, learns to work restfully.

While taking a half hour rest, you might as well let your complexion soak up some refreshing cream. Unless the skin is exceptionally oily, it never gets enough lubricants. But, before lying down, give yourself a little work-out. Of course, a good way not to get tired is to anticipate tiredness, stop before you find yourself getting fussed and hurried.

For Shoulder Fatigue

Fatigue often settles on the shoulders. So, here's an exercise to help. Drop your head forward on your chest. Grasp your shoulders at the sides of your neck; pinch and squeeze the flesh to start the blood streams

A Beauty Foo

Fatigue is a beauty foe of the first rank. It takes the starshine from the eyes, forms little hummocks beneath them. It will eventually put lines in your face if you continually overdo. While we can't sidestep duties, we can devise from driving ourselves to the limit. Health is the foundation upon which the temple of beauty is built. Don't forget that.

The Silhouette Changes

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

Skirts will be fuller on all but the strictly tailored suits; waists will be smaller; shoulders more sloping; while collars and sleeves, in comparison to those worn in 1951, will present quite a bulky appearance.

In fact, the old "New Look" is staging something of a re-appearance, like a retired prima donna who cannot resist making yet another bow to a not unappreciative audience. Indeed, this fashion revival has had a similar kind of face-lift. Everything is there although not quite the same, and although we may still be mildly interested in the coquettish curves which seemed so thrilling to us a few years ago, we are likely to find that their attraction has waned somewhat.

Nevertheless, even with their exaggerated refined down to wearable proportions—these clothes are interesting because they suggest an onrush of totally new ideas only partially hidden by a revival of older ones. For instance, the challenge of the new high collars—which may rise like a fence as high as the cheek bone or be draped round the shoulders like grandmother's shawl—dominates the waistline and the hemline. You cannot pile bulk like that between your waist and your ears and not find that it does not

influence the sleeve. In fact, there are so few inset sleeves that—except on the strictly tailored clothes—one may say that they are almost a thing of the past. The raglan type sleeve in every possible phase is the 1951-2 line, and designers have leaped with joy at the problems it has set them and, in practically every case, triumphantly found a solution.

Even where, as on most of the tailored suits, revers are left in possession, these are often slashed and cut so that you have double, even triple, lapels buttoned over, buttoned under, folded, pleated. Waists are small and peplums curve out extravagantly over hips; side slits at the back reminiscent of hacking jackets are not unusual. Even on these shoulder padding is comparatively slight to what it has been, but on the whole sloping shoulders are left to the coats and dresses. The straight skirt remains, sharing the honours with one on which the narrow front deceives the onlooker into overlooking back fullness.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Defensive Play Comes Early

NORTH 15	
♠ 443	♥ 1087
♦ 885	♣ A107
♠ KQ7	♥ A1086
♦ 432	♣ QJ8
WEST	
♠ 52	♥ 1087
♦ KQJ94	♣ A107
♠ J94	♥ A1086
♦ 1007	♣ QJ8
SOUTH (D)	
♠ AKQJ9	♥ 632
♦ 532	♣ AK8
Neither side vul.	
1♠ South	2♥ North
3♠ South	3♥ North
Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥K	

By OSWALD JACOBY

LOOKING at a hand in a newspaper is not quite the same thing as holding it at the bridge table. As a player, you get only one chance to make the right play; as a reader, you get as many chances as you want.

Even so, here's a little challenge. Imagine that you hold the East cards and that your partner opens the king of hearts against the contract of three spades. Find the right defence. Take as many tries as you like; if you find the correct defence you're one player in ten thousand.

While you're thinking, let's see what happens in the defence. It is a matter of routine. Hearts are continued, and South ruffs the third round. South draws three rounds of trumps (two rounds of trumps would be slightly more expert, but it doesn't matter in this case), cashes the top clubs and gives up a club.

Maybe the defenders come to life so that West manages to win the third club trick (East drops his jack and queen). He leads a fourth heart, and South ruffs with his last trump. Dummy saves the last club and the two diamond honors. Dummy must get with a diamond to cash the established ace of clubs. That is declarer's ninth trick, so he makes his contract.

Are you ready with the right answer by now? Make your mind up before you read any farther.

East should overtake the king of hearts with the ace of hearts at the first trick. Then East returns the six of diamonds at the second trick.

Simple, isn't it? But also quite devastating. This defence holds South to only eight tricks.

West plays the nine of diamonds, forcing dummy to win the second trick with the queen of diamonds. South cannot prevent West from gaining the lead with a heart. And West will then lead the jack of diamonds, giving the defenders two tricks in that suit.

Thus surely takes two hearts, two diamonds, and a club, setting the contract.

Incidentally, don't damns this defence as an impossible play. Robert de Noxon, the great French expert, actually made the play in the European tournament some years ago.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South 1♥, North 2♥, East 3♥, West 4♥. What do you lead?

A—Lead the deuce of hearts. With four or more cards in your partner's suit lead the fourth-best card (unless you have touching honors at the head of the suit).

Will not think that your deuce is a singleton since that would mean that declarer holds your nine, 10, and three. If declarer held those cards he would have made a better bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is as follows: South 1♥, North 2♥, East 3♥, West 4♥. What do you lead?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Reuben was bashful

By T. O. HARE

"Is it true that you're married?" said Reuben to his friend, Harry. "No," said Harry. "I'm not married."

"Then why do you look so bashful?" asked Reuben.

"I'm not bashful," said Harry. "I'm just a little shy."

"Why do you look so shy?" asked Reuben.

"I'm not shy," said Harry. "I'm just a little nervous."

"Why do you look so nervous?" asked Reuben.

"I'm not nervous," said Harry. "I'm just a little tired."



"Mr Erickson, did I just hear the roar of a crowd?"

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A WRITER said the other day: "It is the opening words of a reporter's story which either stir a reader's interest or leave him bored."

But readers differ in their tastes. Some like a quiet dignity of style. Others prefer a more colorful and lively style.

When Mrs. Odger, 33-year-old interior decorator, of Elmwood, Summerville, opened her door this morning to a "Nine Vegetables" whose total 468, took part in a tax-exempt lottery in the Swedish Public Hall. That might be called the matter-of-fact opening.

Some excitement of a housewife in the chimney of a corner house in Ketterling led to the discovery of a home-baked 17-foot-long ham. The ham was found in a corner house in Ketterling led to the discovery of a home-baked 17-foot-long ham.

It had eaten a gramophone record belonging to the vicar's young son, but the five-foot-tall daughter-in-law....

Stopshorts
MANY people prefer the jolly little stopshorts or luckydips, those lists of odd news-items collected with such patience.

An ostrich at the Ipswich Zoo ate the skin of a child's rubber bathing suit.

Two boatmen who married sisters at a mushroom-picking contest at Midsford.

A Penance-walker has dug up a Zulu War medal in his orchard.

A sack containing empty bottles was found by night watchman Jim Fullerton on the roof of a shop.

Widened art students are saving up to buy a bicycle for their teacher.

Thieves who broke into a brick-works at Staple Mole in the early hours of October 25 stole 68 bricks.

Twenty years of Upstairs
THIS morning, many used to be a familiar sight in the streets, but there is now a one-man orchestra.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Other Side Of The Wall

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting quietly in the room, now and then glancing out of the window to see if the rain had stopped, when they were surprised to see their friend Mr. Merlin the Magician come walking out from behind the bookcase. Beside him walked a little girl in a pinafore. She was quite pretty.

After coming out from behind the bookcase with the pretty little girl, Mr. Merlin walked with her straight across the room. He nodded pleasantly to Knarf and Hanid when he saw them, then stopped for a moment to say: "This is Alice."

Made a Curtsey

The little girl smiled and made a curtsey.

"How do you do, Alice?" said Knarf and Hanid.

"We're going for a walk," said Mr. Merlin.

"Oh, but it's raining outside," Hanid said.

Mr. Merlin shook his head. "We're not going outside. We're going to walk inside."

"Would you like to come with us?" said Alice. "Please do."

"Come along," said Mr. Merlin. And off he went with Alice, right across the room, straight toward the wall.

Nearer and nearer to the wall he got. Instead of turning he and Alice kept going, smiling and chattering, and not seeming to mind at all that in another second they were going to bump right into the wall.

Now Knarf and Hanid, seeing what was going to happen, sprang to their feet. "Look out!" shouted Hanid. "The wall! The wall!" cried Knarf.

Then an extraordinary thing happened.

Mr. Merlin and Alice walked right through the wall. It suddenly appeared to melt before them, as though it weren't made of wood and plaster at

all, but of mist. Knarf and Hanid could hardly believe their eyes.

"Come along, come along," Alice called from behind (or perhaps inside) the wall. They could hear Mr. Merlin, too, laughing as he said: "Walk straight ahead. Don't worry about the wall."

So Knarf and Hanid, not quite sure of what might happen, walked straight ahead, right into the wall.

To their astonishment they walked right through it.

They found themselves in a lovely old-fashioned garden, all with primroses and forget-me-nots and pansies.

There was a stone well, and a swing hanging from the branch of a very old apple-tree. There was a white picket fence, and a shallow pool in which two lazy goldenfish swam about. There was a cat and a frog and a white rabbit and a salamander and a tortoise.

To one side of the garden was the house. But Mr. Merlin and Alice were walking past it; they turned and waved Knarf and Hanid to come along faster and catch up with them.

"Lovely day, isn't it?" chuckled Mr. Merlin when they were finally all together. It was then for the first time that Knarf and Hanid noticed that the sun was shining.

"We're going down to the lake," said Alice, turning Hanid and Knarf's hand. "There are some geese there. They're very good friends of mine."

"But—where are we?" Hanid asked Alice.

Alice said: "In my garden, of course. I live here. Good-morning," she said all at once to the frog, who was sitting on a stone at the edge of the goldenfish pool. The frog nodded gravely: "Good-morning," he said.

Returned Her Greeting
Alice said good-morning to all the other animals, too, and



"Good-morning," Alice said all at once to the frog.

to most of the flowers. Everyone returned her greeting. The old apple-tree was the only one that didn't sound pleasant and cheerful.

"Naturally it's not pleasant," remarked Mr. Merlin. "It's a sour apple-tree."

Along the way Knarf and Hanid had another surprise. They saw the cat sitting in the branch of a tree, grinning at them. "It's the Cheshire Cat," said Alice. "She likes to grin. She'll fade out in a minute."

Knarf was just about to ask what Alice meant, when they saw the Cheshire Cat gradually disappearing from its tail to its head, until only the grin was left—then the grin also faded away.

The lake was indeed lovely. They all sat down on the mossy bank and watched the geese paddling about on the water and every now and then tipping over and sticking their heads down. "Foolish birds," chuckled Mr. Merlin. "A goose is a goose."

Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Merlin returned through the wall much later that afternoon. But Alice stayed there. "Come back the next rainy day," she called after them, waving her hand gaily and smiling—but not like the Cheshire Cat.

"I think Alice is the nicest girl I've ever met," said Hanid. And Knarf said he thought so, too.

Rupert and the Lion Rock—50



In their excitement the two pals... head of the others and soon they're all on board and setting off for home. At the islands grow small, in the distance Rupert is at the... to explain everything that has happened.



away so long I shall have a lot of explaining to do to my Mummy when we reach Newwood. he laughs. "So I hope that you and Sam and the Admiral will come and help me do it!"

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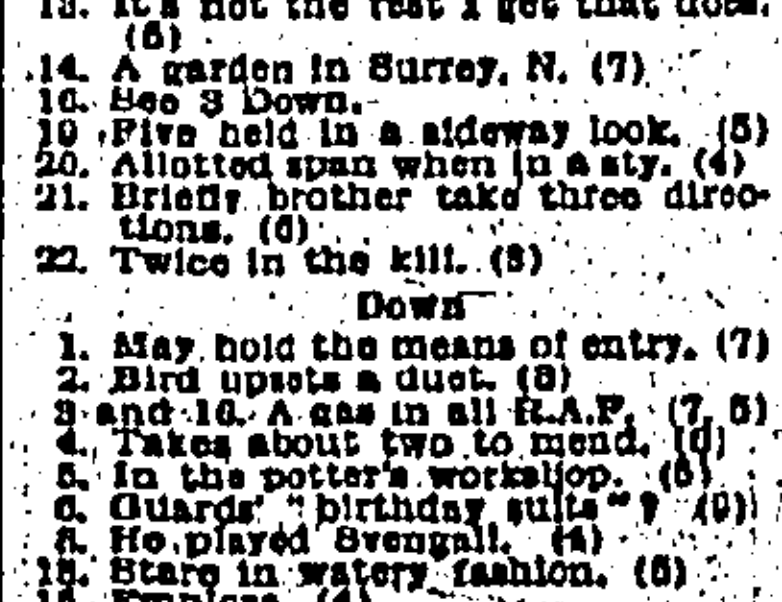


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CROSSWORD



1. Sort of grass that is valuable for... (5)
2. Water, thanks to the Navy. (4)
3. Outlaw in the band. (5)
4. Slope of the band. (5)
5. On a cap it should produce... (5)
6. It's not the rest I get that does... (5)
7. A garden in Surrey. (7)
8. See 3 Down.
9. Five held in a sideways look. (5)
10. Altered from... (5)
11. Brightly colored three... (5)
12. Twice in the hill. (5)

1. May hold the means of entry. (7)
2. Bird upsets a dust. (5)
3. And 12 are in all. (7, 5)
4. Takes about two to mend. (5)
5. A 12 and a 5 make 17. (10)
6. He played... (5)
7. Employed. (5)
8. Only one of two here and there. (5)
9. 15 General in a... (5)
10. 15 General in a... (5)
11. 15 General in a... (5)
12. 15 General in a... (5)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. B-R3; threat 2. KI-K12 (ch). 1... P-B; 2. Q-K13 (ch); 1... P-B; 2. KI-K11; 1... Q-K13; 4; 2. KI-XP (ch).

Check Your Knowledge

Maurice Leyland Likely To Be Appointed A Test Selector

By HAROLD MAYES

Watching Surrey's Laurie Fishlock and Kent man of other days Leslie Todd leaving the Stamford Bridge Rugby League match together, it wasn't unnatural that my thoughts turned to left-handers generally.

That's been something of a problem to England's cricket for the best part of some time now, so people who've yearned for this match-winning commodity will not have lost sight of the fact that among the few successes on the present MCC tour of India are Alan Watkins, Cyril Poole and Reg Spooner to join Willie Watson and Johnny Ikin in the quest for Test places next summer—and, more important, against the Australians in 1953.

It could be no more than coincidence, but I regard it as something of a blessing in disguise that the man being tipped most freely as the North's representative on the selection committee this year is another left-hander—Roly Poly Maurice Leyland, who ranks with the fightingest of these "southpaws" Yorkshire ever gave to England.

From left-handed batsmen to left-handed compliments—and there are plenty flying around now about the handling of the team in India.

Those in the know assure me that Nigel Howard's chance of establishing himself as England's skipper has gone with the wind, and it's beginning to look as if the choice this summer—and the next—will rest between Len Hutton, the pick of the man-in-the-street, and Peter May, the amateur batsman who'll obviously get the old-school-like support. So it appears as if a May will become a must.

BACK-HANDED

It looks like a back-handed compliment, too, to FA chairman Amos Brook Hirst that so many Soccer folk, particularly in the North, are hinting at his early resignation.

I've heard City of London remembrancer, Sir Leslie Bowker, and Bolton's Jonathan Taylor, both confidently tipped as his successors, but the knowledgeable ones seem to be in an indecent hurry with their prediction. I'm more inclined to the view there'll be no suggestion of resignation until after October, 1953, when the FA's 90th anniversary is celebrated with an FA v. FIFA match—otherwise England v. The World—with all the trimmings that go with such an occasion.

WRONG WAY ROUND?

Still on the subject of left-handers, aren't some of the Rugby League clubs going the wrong way round to try to solve their problems?

A number of them were represented at the Ba-Bas match at Cardiff because they haven't given up hope of signing Cliff Morgan, who is proving just as elusive off the field as on it.

I know Wigan and Warrington were both there, but surely one or other of them has a solution to their problem much nearer to home.

I'm referring, of course, to Cee Mountford, who trains every day with the Warrington team he now manages, and could come back into the fray at a moment's notice if the differences between the W's could be settled.

"There's no doubt our game needs Mountford," a Rugby League expert not concerned with the rights or wrongs of the situation told me. "What's more," he added, "it wouldn't take the wisdom of a Solomon to bring him back to the game."

"Well, what are they waiting for? Is each scared of the other becoming cup favourites—and winners—if one of them get him in action again?"

SOLID BOOKING

From left to right, Women's hockey drew 40,000 people to Wembley for the first international with Ireland last March. With 35,000 solid bookings already for the Scottish visit this year, expect at least a 60,000 crowd this time. Nothing left-handed about that as long as the Stadium folk remember not to "crop" the grass so that we can't have that pile carpet for Cup Final day.

Britain's Youngest Gets Ready



One of the youngest skating stars to be seen at St. Moritz is Yvonne Sugden. She is seen here as she practises on the famous Suvretta ice rink, for the forthcoming Olympic Games at Oslo. — Express Photo.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER WAS DISAPPOINTING

Says "HANLINCODE"

The Tournament Matches that were played off at the Police Ground, Boundary Street on Saturday afternoon were a disappointment to the small crowd who turned out to support their favourites.

The games were played with a diagonal cross wind blowing and with an overcast sky. The first game was slightly delayed in getting underway owing to a few of the Club players getting stuck in the traffic at Central and this seemed to put the Club off to a very bad start, from which they never seemed properly to recover.

The RAF, without their usual wingers, Alapini and Hamzah, substituted Gauntlett and Dean, and it must be recorded that of all the three, Gauntlett stood out for he played a good hard game throughout. For RAF, forwards, Bower, June and Warne were most prominent.

The Fliers played a forceful game and especially in the line-outs outplayed the Club pack, but just had not the fitness to finish their movements, which in the circumstances was a great pity.

Of the Club, D. Henderson was the most polished player on view and, in a pack that never seemed to settle down at all, Minto was the steady influence.

The No score at Halftime was a great compliment to the Fliers' hard work, but it was only a matter of time before the Club's back division got through and eventually T. Roberts got over in the far corner.

Farquharson missed the kick. The next score came from D. Henderson, who sold a beautiful dummy to cross over about half way between the post and corner flag. Then Minto barged his way over near the touch line, but Farquharson missed both these kicks and the game ended Club 9, RAF 0.

ONLY JUST

The main event between the Police and Navy was a little better spectacle than its predecessor but only just.

The Navy, fielding many new players, took a little time to settle down and in this period the Police showed up very well. Throughout the game the Police played hard and with a determination that they don't often show.

They opened the score card when English, their speedy wing three quarter, intercepted a pass on his own twenty-five and raced right down the field to touch down about midway out. The conversion was missed.

The Sailors soon equalised, however, when Leach broke over from a scrum five and Latley added the extra points with an easy kick. Half time: Navy 5, Police 3.

Shortly after the resumption, English brought off another interception when he raced about 40 yards to score under the posts. Unfortunately the kick was charged down and this closed the Police score card.

By this time the Sailors were combining better and their

Lucky Miss

By HAROLD LONGHURST

We may receive with mixed feelings in Britain the news that Bob Harlow, once Hagen's manager, and now among the shrewdest golf commentators in the United States, in his annual review of the "ten most important incidents in world golf" rates as No. 7 "the victory of the U.S. women professionals, by a clean sweep, over a team of top British men amateurs."

Taken off their guard in what they had thought to be a gallant afternoon's golf in the sunshine, the said amateurs let themselves in for a log-pulling which persists to this day.

One of them was heard to growl that it was "ridiculous to encourage these people." Another is still unapproachable on the subject, while the present holder of the President's Putter, defeated by Mrs. Zaharias, went on record as declaring that he "would raise a team next year not only to beat them but to concede five strokes in the process."

£100 CHALLENGE

General Critchley, founder of the original contest replied that he had £100 which spoke to the contrary, and was duly taken up by the magazine "Golf Monthly." Meanwhile plans proceed for the women to come over in July, and I shall not be surprised if the return match draws a crowd as big as the Open.

Here I must confess to a certain personal interest. Due to play last year, I had to cry off and thus, little knowing, escaped the slaughter. Relating this to Harlow at a convivial gathering before the Ryder Cup match, I added blithely that I should undoubtedly have beaten my opponent-to-be Mrs. Betty Bush, and thus, achieved world celebrity.

The light of the publicist gleamed suddenly in Harlow's eye. Muttering "Boy, this is a natural!" he sprang to our hosts' telephone, located the lady in Chicago, fixed the match as a comedy curtain-raiser to the Ryder Cup, and planted the story in all the New York papers and even, I believe, in some over here.

EMBARRASSED

This condemned your reluctant and embarrassed scene to immediate sessions on the putting ground, a tiddler among the big fish, with a huge bag of balls, some borrowed clubs, and a negro assistant at a pound an hour.

Jack Hargreaves offered sympathetic advice as to non-existent wrist action; Fred Daly (what you are, Sonny, what's the matter with that? Sorri!) also lent a patrician hand; and the great Hogan, eyeing from afar, not only offered hints but later gave on the pupil a practical demonstration of his theory of the "straight-right-arm-after-impact," providing the other occupants of the bar with much innocent amusement, and the patient with severe cramp between the third and fourth ribs on the left side.

Seeking to weigh up the opposition, I consulted the Pinchurst professional. Did he know Mrs. Bush? Sure, he did. And what would she, or he, be likely to do on the No. 1 course (par 71)? "Wa-a-a-a!" he said, thinking for some time. "I guess she won't do no better than 72."

The eve of the contest dawned, and with it a message from Mrs. Bush. She had recently had an operation, and she did not think she could make the distance. She was so sorry to let me down. Some other time, perhaps...

Lucky miss, did I hear? Certainly not! Lucky Mrs.

ASIAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Cebu, Feb. 4. Mrs. Jan Sedgman lost her opening match in the Asian Tennis Championships today, bowing to Mrs. Joy Mottram of England, 6-0, 6-1.

Mrs. Sedgman, on a tennis honeymoon with the Australian Davis Cup star, was no match for the smooth-swinging English player.

Only a few of the women's singles matches were played today, with rain clouds threatening and in sultry heat. None of the men's matches were scheduled. — Associated Press.

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Japanese Women Win The Corbillion Cup

Bombay, Feb. 4

Japan today won the Corbillion Cup in the Women's World Table Tennis Championships by beating England 3-0, while Hongkong lost to Hungary 2-5 in the Swaythling Cup competition for men.

England and Hungary qualified to meet each other in the final of the Swaythling Cup, defeating Pakistan and Brazil respectively.

Japan, who won all their six matches in the Corbillion Cup competition, thus became the first Asian country ever to win a title in the championships.

Rosalind and Diane Rowe, England's world champion doubles twins, were beaten by Japan's Narahara and Nishimura, 21-14, 21-10.

In singles play, Narahara beat Rosalind Rowe 2-0 and Nishimura defeated Diane Rowe by the same margin.

Mr. Ivor Montague, President of the World Table Tennis Federation, said he had invited the Japanese players to visit England.

Commenting on the Japanese victory, he said: "We are always glad to get a lesson." He added he considered this was the real world championship for the reasons this was the first time that Eastern and Far Eastern nations participated.

Adrian Haydon, captain of the English team, said the Rows were beaten by nervous tension. But he paid tribute to the splendid Japanese victory.

The Japanese team manager and coach, D. Dinnon, queried about Montague's invitation, said

LATER RESULTS

Bombay, Feb. 4

Following are scores of the table tennis tournament played today: Swaythling Cup: England beat Pakistan 5-0; Hongkong beat Afghanistan 5-0; Hungary beat Brazil 5-0; Japan beat France 3-1; Vietnam beat Chile 5-0; India beat Cambodia 5-3.

Corbillion Cup: Japan beat India 3-0; Austria beat England 3-1; Rumania beat Hungary 3-1. — United Press.

Geoff Duke—Sportsman Of The Year

London, Feb. 5. Geoffrey Duke, World Champion Motor-cyclist in both the 350 c.c. and 500 c.c. classes, has been elected Sportsman of the Year for 1951 in a national ballot organised by the Sporting Record.

Duke polled 66,939 votes in 223,000.

Second was Randolph Turpin, British Middle-weight Boxing Champion, with 52,219 votes, and third was the World Champion Cyclist, Reg Harris, Sportsman of the Year on previous two occasions, with 30,202 votes.

Others in the first 12 included Denis Compton and Len Hutton, Test cricketers, Billy Liddell, Stanley Matthews and Billy Wright, international footballers, and Gordon Richards, Champion jockey.—Reuter.

BADMINTON RESULTS

In a League Men's "A" Badminton match played last night Craigengower beat Revere 8-3.

C.C. Wen (C.C.C.) beat J.A. Soares 15-6, lost to P.M. Rozario 11-15.
Robert Tay (C.C.C.) beat Soares 15-11, lost to Rozario 17-10.
M. T. Lam (C.C.C.) beat A.M. Silva 21-9.
R. Tay and M.T. Lam (C.C.C.) beat J.A. Soares and H. Gonzales 21-10, lost to A.M. Silva and P. Rozario 21-24.

C.C. Wen and Bill Funk (C.C.C.) beat Soares and Gonzales 21-18, beat Silva and Rozario 21-18.
Craigengower beat St John's, 8-1 in a "C" Division match.

C.C. Wane and P.V. Yap (C.C.C.) beat M. Sargent and M. Morley-John 21-3, beat R. Maynard and David Kwok 21-8, beat R. Thompson and S.A. Fowler 21-11.

Z.A. Abbas and Ng Ching-keew beat Sargent and Morley-John 21-0, beat Maynard and Kwok 21-13, beat Thompson and Fowler 21-14.
Horace Lo and L. Wade beat Sargent and Morley-John 21-10, beat Maynard and Kwok 21-11, lost to Thompson and Fowler 15-21.

CCC "AT HOME"

The annual "At Home" and presentation of prizes of Craigengower Cricket Club will be held on Sunday, February 17. There will be a tea dance from 6 to 9 p.m.

Winter Games

NORWEGIANS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Oslo, Feb. 4.

Norwegian winter sports experts, studying the results of Sunday's various Olympic tune-up events agreed today that Norway is sure to win the major portion of the Nordic events.

Japanese, Dutch, British and American speed skaters competed on Sunday against Norwegians ineligible for the Olympics—none of whom are as good as Norway's Olympic skaters—and America's Ken Henry was the only foreign winner.

The Japanese were far down the list with the best being fifth place in the 500 metres.

The Norwegian organising committee, which had been worried by the mild weather, inspected the various competition sites and said that all had benefited and that all events will be held at the sites originally chosen.

On Wednesday the skiers from many nations will go to Norfjell, 60 miles from Oslo, for final training in downhill and slalom. The official races will be held at Norfjell.—United Press.

Home Soccer Results

London, Feb. 4.

The following are the results of British soccer games played today:

FA Cup Fourth Round Replay: Stoke City 0, Swindon Town 1.

Swindon Town are now away to the winners of the Luton-Brentford replay in the fifth round on February 23.

Scottish Cup, First Round (Replay): Third Lanark 2, Celtic 1 (after extra time).

Scottish Cup, First Round, Second Replay: Hibernians 1, Raith Rovers 4.

The revised Scottish Cup second round matches to be played on Saturday, February 9, are: Hamilton Academicals versus Third Lanark and Hearts versus Raith Rovers.—Reuter.

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Royal Couple 'Shoot' Game

Nairobi, Feb. 4.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh today succeeded in photographing a herd of more than 80 elephants in a forest some six miles from the Kenya residence where they are staying.
Protected by armed Government game wardens, they travelled miles over narrow winding, dusty tracks through forest teeming with big game to reach a clearing high on Mount Kenya where they found the herd. France-Press.

Mystery Witness On Wartime Massacre

Washington, Feb. 4.
A man who says he saw Russians murdering Polish Army officers in the Katyn Forest during World War II will testify before a Congressional Committee trying to find out whether Nazis or Russians committed the massacre.
The Committee will begin its investigation today into the mass murder of 4,143 Polish Army leaders in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk in 1943. The corpses were found in crude mass graves. Another 11,000 Polish prisoners are still missing.

All were taken from Poland and held in three Western Russian prison camps. The Russians, despite this, say the Nazis are to blame for the massacre. The Germans blame the Russians.
First witness to appear before the special committee will be Colonel John H. Van Vleet, an American Army officer who was flown from a German prison camp by the Nazis to see the stacked bodies of the dead Poles.
The Nazis wanted the Americans to authenticate their gruesome discovery.
Van Vleet, back from duty in Japan, is repeating the story for the third time officially. He made a report to the Pentagon after his release from captivity, and when this was reportedly lost, he made a second five years later from memory.

"CRIMINAL MIND"
The Committee not only wants to hear him tell about what he saw in Katyn Forest, but also about the two reports he made to the Pentagon and what happened to the first one.
Representative Madden (Democrat-Michigan) said the hearing will have more ramifications than just trying to investigate the Katyn affair.

"Stalin and the Reds have been talking about Americans killing Communist prisoners in Korea," he said. "This hearing will present evidence of the greatest mass genocide in history, and will reveal the criminal mind behind the Communist leaders."
In addition to Van Vleet and the mystery witness, the Committee has announced it also has two Poles who escaped from some of the camps where the murdered officers previously were confined.

They may appear masked, in order to protect their identities so that relatives still behind the iron curtain will not be punished. Mr Madden said.
Mr Madden said the hearings may be televised after the second or third day. Associated Press.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 33rd Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday the 22nd February, 1952, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1951, and to elect Directors and appoint auditors.

At 11.30 a.m. of the same day at the same place, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held for the purpose of considering two resolutions fully set out in the Notices convening this meeting which have been sent to individual shareholders. The first resolution provides for the termination of the Agreement between the Company and Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son and for the compensation of Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son Ltd., the successors in business of the said Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son. The resolution also provides for the offer to members of 50,000 shares in the Company at \$20.00 per share in order to raise part of the compensation payable to the said General Managers in consequence of the termination of the said Agreement. In the event of this resolution being carried, a further resolution will be proposed as a special resolution. This provides for consequential amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company arising from the termination of the Agreement with the General Managers and for the transfer of the powers formerly exercised by the General Managers to the Board of Directors of the Company. Any shareholder who has not received the Notice setting out these resolutions in full and the accompanying Statement from the Chairman of the Board of Directors may obtain copies on application to the Secretary of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 11th February, 1952, to Friday, 22nd February, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WM. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1952.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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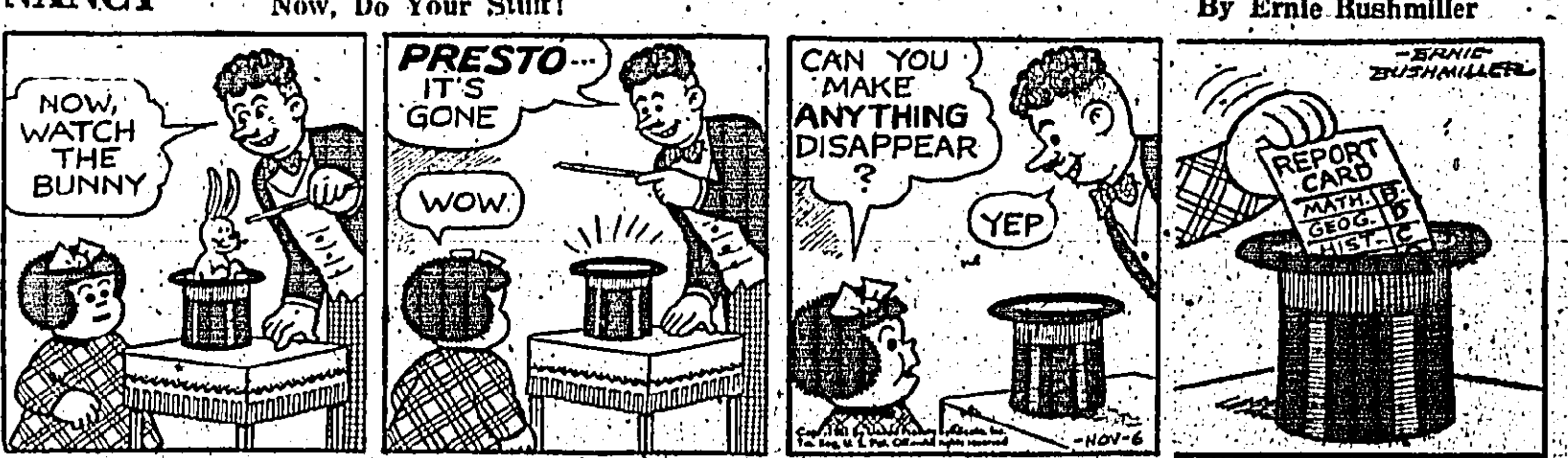
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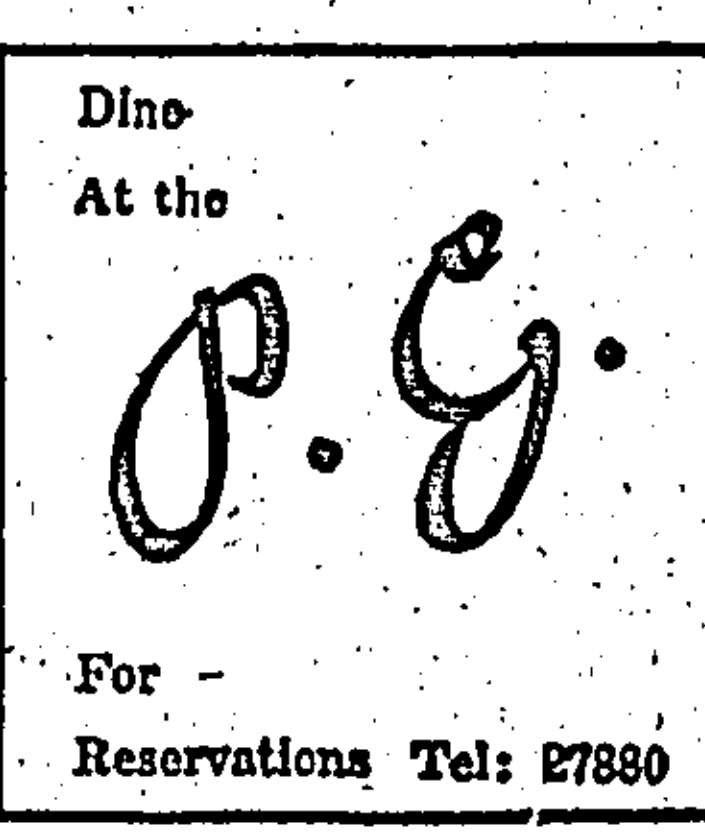
Now, Do Your Stuff!

By Ernie Rushmiller



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By Frank Robbins



Lion's Share Of Nickel Goes To US

Washington, Feb. 4.
The United States today was allocated 70 per cent of scarce nickel supplies divided among 37 anti-Communist countries.
The allocations, covering the first three months of this year, were announced belatedly by the 28-nation International Raw Materials Conference.
The United States got a total of 22,051 metric tons of the 33,583 tons available for the period. A metric ton is about 2,200 pounds.
Nickel is used as a hardening agent in steel making.
Great Britain was awarded the second biggest amount, 5,179 tons. France got the third biggest allocation, 1,580 tons and Western Germany's growing industrial machine was assigned 1,240 tons to rank fourth. Canada was fifth with 930 metric tons.
Other allocations included: Japan 140 tons; India 85 tons; Pakistan 64 tons; and the Philippines 62 tons. Associated Press.

New Approach To Mossadegh

Washington, Feb. 4.
The International Bank will probably read a new mission to Tehran this week to discuss with the Government of Iran conditions for the resumption of activity at the Abadan refinery. An official mission, sent to examine the refinery from a technical point of view, reported it was in good condition and ready to operate again.
The International Bank has offered to run the Iranian oil industry on behalf of the Iranian Government and to divide the profits between the Government of Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. France-Press.

Top Secret File On Alleged Wartime Massacre Lost

Washington, Feb. 4.

Colonel John van Vliet, Jr., told Congressional investigators today that as a German prisoner of war he became "convinced" that the Russians had committed the mass murder of 10,000 Polish officers in 1940 at the Katyn Forest near Smolensk.

Colonel van Vliet testified, however, that he had no idea what happened to the 1945 top secret report he made on the massacre. He said he turned it over to Maj-Gen. Clayton Bissell, then top intelligence officer in Washington.

The Army has admitted that the report mysteriously vanished from the Pentagon files. General Bissell is expected to testify later before the select House Committee investigating the wartime Katyn atrocities. The chairman, Mr. Ray Madden, said the Committee hoped the investigation eventually would "serve to convict the guilty at the International Court."

He also said at the hearing, "Some day punishment must be inflicted on the murderers and their superiors who ordered this mass extermination of human beings."

Later, he added, to a reporter: "And that includes Joe Stalin and his henchmen. The Katyn murders will be classified as the greatest organized mass genocide in world history."

He said the murders were part of a Communist policy of genocide which the Communists wanted to see no Polish leaders would be left to rise against the Russians. The Germans and the Russians blame each other for the slaying.

Colonel van Vliet, who was captured by the Germans in Tunisia in 1943, was forced by his captors to view exhumed Polish bodies at Katyn. He was released from Tokyo to testify here.

"The German story, which I did not want to believe, was that those bodies had been buried in April or May of 1940," he related. "I wanted to believe the Germans had overrun these Polish prisoners of war and had killed them. I wanted to consider the Russians as a friend and ally."

Yet, by observation, he was convinced the Russians committed the atrocity, he continued. He said German units did not overrun that territory until July or August of 1941. The massacre site charged from Russian to German hands in the 1940-41 period, when the slaughter took place. The Germans claim it was done in the spring of 1940 by the Russians, while the Russians say it was done in the summer of 1941 by the Nazis.

Li-Col. Donald Stewart, who was with Colonel van Vliet at Katyn, testified last year that he too believed the Russians killed the Polish officers.

Colonel van Vliet, citing his own experience as a war prisoner, said the uniforms on the dead Poles were of a high quality and showed no sign of hard wear. He believed that had the Poles in fact been killed by the Germans in 1941 their uniforms and shoes would have been well worn by them.

Lodged False Report

An odd-job labourer, Leung Sing, 33, was fined \$50 or seven days in the Municipal Court at Kowloon this morning for making a false report to the Police.

Defendant was said to have reported to the Police that he was robbed of \$30 and clothing by four men armed with a revolver at stairway of 282 Temple Street last night.

The Police checked and discovered that defendant lost a jacket two or three days previously. He made the false report to the Police in hope that his employer would compensate his loss.

Graham Greene Granted Visa

Saigon, Feb. 4. Graham Greene, the British author, said today that he had been granted an American visa and would soon leave for Hollywood to discuss the filming of his best-selling novel "End of April."

Greene applied for a visa in Singapore last month, but his application was held up by pending investigation of reports that he had joined the Communist Party as a student.

Greene conceded that he joined the Party, but said he did so as a boy and was a member for only four weeks.

India To Double Her Exports To Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

India will export more than twice as much coal to Japan in 1952 as in 1951, and the increase could be even greater for lack of port facilities and interior transportation, an Indian Mission spokesman said today.

"In planning our exports for the year," said V. C. Trivedi, first secretary of the Mission, "we are forced to take into consideration how much we can ship."

"Unfortunately, we do not have the port facilities nor the inland transportation facilities to boost our quota anywhere near a maximum," he said. "It is not so much a shortage of ships, although that does exist, as the inability to get coal, for instance, to a port. And once there, we do not have sufficient facilities to load the ships."

This year, Trivedi said, India will export about one million tons of coking coal to Japan, compared to 400,000 tons in 1951.

A MERE TRICKLE

"A mere trickle when one considers our potential," Trivedi said, "perhaps in 10 years, we will reach some point near our maximum."

"Japan needs coal for its industry," he said. "The coking coal we are giving her is the cheapest to be found anywhere, including the United States. And that does not change when one considers the United States offers a superior coal."

"And the price will be even less when transportation facilities improve," Trivedi said, "to bring coal from the mines to a port."

He explained that coal costs \$8 per ton at the mine head. But transportation adds another \$12 to the cost. Another \$2 is tacked on for miscellaneous expenses.

That brings the total cost to Japan to about \$20 per ton. It follows that the cost should be greatly reduced by improvement in transportation," Trivedi said.

"And with a lowered price, perhaps a greater market," United Press.

CEREMONIAL CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The ceremonial Changing of the Guard at Government House, Flagstaff House and Murray Barracks, took place on Murray Parade ground this morning and was witnessed by many spectators.

Battalion Argill and Sutherland Highlanders took over duties from the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles who relieved the 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment a fortnight ago.

The full Pipe Band and Brass Band of the Argills were in attendance. The pipes preceded the Government House and Flagstaff House guards while the Brass Band marched with the guard for Murray Barracks.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My husband and I both get our relaxation hunting—the hunts golf balls and rabbits, and I hunt bargains!"

Japanese Politicians' Plans For "Out And Out" Rearmament

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

A group of right wing political leaders today revealed plans for an out and out "rearm for defence" campaign. The object of the group headed by former Democratic Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida is to make Japan more defence conscious.

The movement stemmed from right wing dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's efforts to steer an outwardly middle course between advocates of outright rearmament and those who support an unarmed neutrality for Japan.

Mr. Ashida, who has been urging the formation of an anti-Communist Japanese Army for some time, has scheduled a meeting of sympathisers to form a non-partisan defence movement league.

This group agrees with many Japanese that the Yoshida government's plan for a "defence corps" to replace the national police reserve is in fact a major step toward rearmament, and it urges that the movement be brought out into the open.

Among the political leaders Mr. Ashida hopes to enlist in his movement are Ichiro Hatoyama, ailing former leader of the Liberal Party, former Finance Minister Tanzan Ishibashi and former strong man of the Socialist Party Suetsugu Nishio.

"I cannot understand why the Premier says he is not rearming," Ashida commented to a reporter. "It is no longer time to discuss whether rearmament is bad or good. A study of the steps taken in other countries will convince us that it is already time to think about the when and how of rearmament. The sooner the better. I wish to tell the people so by touring the country."

INADVERTENT

Mr. Yoshida's disclosure last week that the government is planning to abolish the NFR and replace it with a different type of defence corps was not a planned announcement, but an inadvertent disclosure, according to opposition Diet members. When a Democratic representative charged as much on a radio programme on Sunday night, the chief Cabinet Secretary, Shigeru Hori, made no attempt to deny it.

Ashida's movement was intended to organize the group of conservative leaders who feel Yoshida should publicise his defence plans and publicly seek the people's support for the move.

They believe that the defence force should be called an "army" and if a revision of the national constitution's "war renunciation clause" is necessary, they argue he should openly seek such a revision.—United Press.

A small fire broke out at Bonham Strand, East at about 11 o'clock this morning. The flames were put out by firemen who arrived shortly afterwards.

Begged Bread From Ship

Arrested near HMS Unicorn yesterday morning, four Chinese people, Kwok Kam-hi, 27, Cheung Hoi-sau, 39, Chung Man, 27, and Shek Mai, 50, were fined \$10 each by Mr. W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for approaching within 30 feet of a warship.

Defendants were begging for bread from the carrier when taken into custody, said Sub-Inspector Kong. A 17-year-old girl, Tai Ho, also similarly charged, was cautioned.

RECOVERY OF PREMISES

Court Makes Order

An order for possession of the fourth floor of No. 51, Hankow Road, was made by Mr Justice Scholes in an ex-parte claim for its recovery in the Summary Court this morning.

The claim was brought by Hule Kwok-tok, owner of the building, against Leung Tak-hing, married woman, tenant of the premises.

Mr Justice Scholes also ordered payment of mesne profits at \$320 per month from April, 1951, and costs of the action.

Plaintiff who was not present in Court was represented by Mr. P. C. Woo.

Wong Kan-see, wife of plaintiff, said she held an attorney from her husband who bought the building, which was a new one, in October, 1948. Defendant was already a tenant there at the time.

She said her large family who wanted the premises back for her own use and instructed her Counsel to give notice to defendant to quit the premises. Defendant refused to go.

Witness denied that her husband agreed to let the premises to defendant for a period of three years. Defendant was a monthly tenant, she added. The rent was \$220 per month and it had not been paid since April, 1951. She said that she did not receive any money from defendant despite a recent Court order for payment of mesne profits amounting to \$2,500.

Charged With Interfering With Witness

Two men alleged to have tried to persuade a potential Police witness from giving evidence in a Kowloon hearing of a corruption charge against a Detective Revenue Officer, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning. They were remanded three days.

Defendants were Wong Hoi, 35-year-old broker, of 161 Sai Yee Street, a native of Shun Tak, and Ko Pei Tak, 32, import-export business manager, of 2 Hillwood Road, third floor.

The charge against them was that between 7 a.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday they "by persuasion did attempt to induce Yip Wai who was then a potential witness for the prosecution in criminal proceedings in the Magistrates' Court, Kowloon, pending against Ko Chi Ming, from giving evidence."

Mr. L. J. Remedios who appeared for both defendants asked for bail.

Det. Insp. Pilkington, who prosecuted, opposed the application. He said the police were still making inquiries into a case.

The Magistrate then remanded defendants in Police custody until Friday.

Banish's Excuse For Returning

Wong Ah-ming, 28, unemployed, was given three months by Mr. Horace Lo at Kowloon this morning for returning from banishment.

He told the Court that when he tried to cross the border the last time he was sent away, he was shot at by Chinese frontier guards in Chinese territory. He therefore decided to return to the Colony.

Death Of Prominent Old China Resident

The death occurred in Sydney, Australia, on Sunday of Mr. Joseph Thomas Stewart Smith, who for 30 years before the outbreak of the Pacific war was prominently connected with the Chinese Government Railways.

Mr. Smith, who was 68 years of age, was well known in Shanghai, Nanking, Canton and Hongkong. He was a native of Ayr, Scotland.

He is survived by a widow and three sons—Mr. R. R. T. Smith of Lane, Crawford's, Mr. C. K. S. Smith of the Kowloon Dock and Mr. A. M. Smith, who is with the Australian Government Railways.

The late Mr. Smith played an important part in the construction of the Shanghai-Nanking railway, and in later years was appointed Traffic Superintendent at Canton.

KEPT LINE GOING

He occupied this position when the Japanese started their air attacks against the Kowloon-Canton railway in 1938 and he was chiefly responsible for keeping the railway operating during those difficult days.

When the Japanese finally invaded Kwangtung, Mr. Smith came to Hongkong and he was in the Colony when the Japanese attacked in December, 1941. He spent the rest of the war years interned in Stanley.

One highlight of the late Mr. Smith's career with the Chinese Government Railways was the preparation and supervision of a special train for Lord Kitchener when he visited China shortly before World War I.

Mr. Smith's chief recreational interest was golf. He was an accomplished player and in his younger days had a handicap of minus 2. When the world-famous golfers, Joe Kirkwood and Walter Hagen visited the Far East in the early 1930's, he played friendly games with them.

He was a founder member of the Canton Golf Club and an early member of the Fanling Golf Club.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It didn't take Rabbit long to decipher Reuben's "code." Here's the solution.

1. 101 miles by 100 ft. 10 in. 2. President George Washington. 3. 5,280 feet. 4. Chant de l'armee du Rhin. 5. The Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. 101 miles by 100 ft. 10 in. 2. President George Washington. 3. 5,280 feet. 4. Chant de l'armee du Rhin. 5. The Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

Chinese Byword

By S. K. Lee

The twenty-sixth in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr. S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 8.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of subsequent lessons which will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

The possessive "his" (refer to page 63, "Cantonese Simplified"): 1. 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